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manner of man is this son of Erin Irishmen into the ranks of Enggoing to be? Should he do honor land, where many of them have to his origin, and be true as steel unfortunately signalized themfor a mess of pottage? Even his body, to English masters. Still son of Ossian, the homeric bard of Ireland has been so common, ancient Ireland-seemed to bind that it would have excited little him to his native island, and to surprise had Oscar Wilde flung not a small part of the ridicule and contempt with which he has been treated may be traced to the fact of his appearing to them to be the effeminate son of a heroic mother. this, when Ireland has the mailmade to bu st the bonds of ages, and give free homes and lands to they argue that such a man as Oscar Wilde could better employ his time in finding even wigwam shelters for the unfortunate victims of British rule than in turning his teeming thoughts to the discussion of the merits of a picture, a statue or a poem. They think that his six-feet-one of brawn and bone and muscle might be put to a more useful purpose than having it exhibited in various cities as a milliner's lay figure, on which certain fantastic garments may be displayed. What seemed to confirm the justice of the view taken of the new apostle of æstheticism by the Irish Nationalists was that, in the very first sonnet of his published volume, he professed an utter contempt for liberty and the struggle in which her claims are vindicated. As to the latter, he took, he says, an interest in them solely because the tumult of revo-

low than the caricatures of him

Of Oscar Wilde, who was born talent to bring itself into the antiof Irish parents in the city of Dub- national market. Though prone road. If the soil is not sufficientlin, it is said that when his natural to throttle the Celt, the Saxon is and varied accomplishments had not only ready to take the Celt won him an assured place in Eng- into his service, but to reward him lish society, and when his attitu- handsomely, provided he shows dinizing air had begun to attract himself sufficiently subservient. general attention, it naturally oc- The difficulty of finding room for curred to Irish Nationalists to ask a laudable ambition in a provincial themselves the question: What field has been for centuries driving where wrong is to be denounced, selves by being the butterest proseand right championed against a cutors of their own countrymen. world's odds? The grandeur of "Undistinguished they live, if they soul which had distinguished his shame not their sire." The world, mother in those well-remembered however, is wider than when this times, when revolutionary fires line was penned by Moore, and were smouldering or aflame, was therefore there is not now the regarded as his birth-right, and it same excuse as formerly for an was asked was he going to sell it Irishman to sell himself, soul and very name of Oscar-that of the the practice of deserting the cause make him patriotic by prescrip- aside the Green and "cottoned to tion. When, however, it seemed the Red," and indeed no surprise that he was utterly oblivious of his at all, but for the little fact that native land, but had con amore he happened to be the son of his flung himself into the ranks of mother. Like other great celebri-Cockney dandies, and allowed ties of a passing day, he has been himself to be termed a British much belauded and much abused; Æsthete, the disappointment and but, as above stated, he is still disgust of the aforesaid national- young, and as the end is not yet, ists could not easily be measured. it may not be amiss to suspend They denounced and decried him judgment as to what the æsthetic in season and out of season and Oscar may pan out in the future.

Pole Logging Roads.

In the making of pole roads,

says the Northwestern Lumberman, long, small, peeled logs, the They argue that in a time like longer the better, from four to five or ten inches at the butt end, are clad shand of the landlord robber used. The more evenly they at her throat, when she is girt carry their size from butt to top, around about with English bayo- the better the road. The ends of nets, when her most honored sons the butts, as well as of the tops, are found behind prison bars, and are long scarfed, and pinned towhen a supreme effort is being gether with suitable hard wood or an ostrich. As the man did not a free people; in a time like this, to the size of the timber through voured oyster cans, a broken iron some distance. This is all the New Orleans Times. fastening and anchoring usually provided. The wheels of the car are concave, or V shaped, and as they pass over the rails naturally force them to maintain their proper distance from each other while preventing them from spreading apart. It will take but a few trips of a loaded car over these rails to bed them in the earth, when spreading is practically out of the spreading is practically out of the question. The wheels must, in their concave surface, be adapted to the general size of the poles to be use, and if larger poles are em-"Mirrored his wildest passions like the sea." ployed, or larger butts are used, It is not probable that there is the ax must be used in hewing off much reality at the back of many enough of the surplus wood to of his poetic myths, and it is al- give the wheel a sure bearing. most certain that no one with feel. Any kind of timber which carries ing, and surely not Oscar Wilde, its size well, may be employed, can uphold so ungenerous a senti- and if a pole gives out it is easily ment as this, taken in its literal replaced. But comparatively litmeaning. Some of the Irish the grading is requisite, although Nationalists (notably John Boyle it is obvious that the more level off to examine it and complete its King of the Blood O'Reilly) assert that the son of the top of the track is kept, the Speranza is a far more manly fel. less friction is encountered. For would lead us to expect, that his butts enough to bring them level Portland police is getting on a few defects and eccentricities are with the bedded tops. No cross- mad fit. He telegraphed the overshadowed by many sterling tieing is employed, and so solid governor at Salem to refuse Conmerits, and that in due time he are these roads that in many sec- stable Simmons the necessary will deserve the world's word of tions, light locomotives are run requisitions to bring Carrie Brad-

track for which the concave wheels well fitted. would naturally provide.

A Faithful Sweetheart.

The heather bloomed gayly along the roadside; the hum of insects and the voices of birds filled the Summer air. By the brook that rippled merily down the mountain side stood a young man, tapping impatiently with his cane a tiny foot that peeped out from beneath his checkered pants. Brushed carelessly away from his white forehead were two golden locks, and a No. 5 hat was perched jauntily on the back of his head.

"Will she never come?" he muttered, in low, earnest tones; never come to hear the sweet words of love that are waiting on my lips for her?"

A fish rose to the surface of the brook, looked at the young man and went away tired.

"I will seek her," he said; but is he turned to go a pair of gleaming arms were thrown around his neck, and two rosy lips were puckered up for a kiss.

"So you have come at last?" he said looking at her fondly.

"Yes," replied the girl. "Birdie McMurtry never breaks a promise. I told mamma that she would have to hang out the clothes herself today, although it nearly broke my heart to leave her at such a time." "Great heavens!" said Roderigo to himself. "I had forgotten it was

Monday."-Chicago Tribune.

The Champion Story for 1882. A friend sent a man in Texas strong pins, of one and a half or know what to feed it on he let it two inches in diameter, according run. In a short time it had dewhich they are to be driven. Tops pump handle, a pair of andirons, an should be scarfed to tops, and butts old scythe, a small coal oil stove, to butts, in order to provide a per- a rolling pin and a joint of stovefeet bedding of all parts in the pipe, which stuck in its throat, ground. If the scarfing is done The stove set fire to the rolling so as to cause the poles to lie pin, and the neighbors seeing the naturally on the ground when in smoke called out the firemen who place, the pins should be long poured water down the stovepipe, enough to penetrate the earth to completely drowning the bird .-

inte the barbor. It was more than 100 feet in length, and moved with an undulating, snake-like motion. Its head was covered with what appeared to be long hair, and the keen-sighted among the affrighted observers declared they could see its eyes and distinguish its features. The military were called out, and a brisk fire poured into it at a distance of about 500 vards. The creature became quiet from the apparent effect of its wounds, boats went destruction, when it was discovered to be seaweed.

this reason it is well to bed the J. H. Lappeus, chief of the upon them. With these general ley and her gang from San Fran-Among the Irits of Ireland, points stated, any man who com- cisco. The "force" is jealous that however-such is one of the curs- prehends the conditions under they missed all the glory that es attendant on the loss of nation- which concave wheels may be Simmons covered himself with.

OSCAR WILDE AND THE IRISH al independence—it has long been kept from running off through A remarkable use is being made mounting the poles should have of potatoes. The clean-peeled Another fine lot of Eastern Oysters no difficulty in building a pole tuber is macerated in a solution of Oregon. Occident block. a custom among certain classes for mounting the poles should have of potatoes. The clean-peeled sulphuric acid. The result is ly firm to prevent the poles from dried between sheets of blotting becoming too deeply imbedded, paper, and then pressed. Of this cross ties of poles may be used, but as a rule they are more harm than advantage, as they tend to present the self adjustment of the present the poles from dried between sheets of blotting is a mammoth sheet, nearly double the size of the Daily. It is just the paper for the fireside, containing in addition to all the current news, choice miscollarly, agricultural matter, market reports, etc. It is furnished to single subscribers at \$2.00 per year in advance. prevent the self adjustment of the hard, brilliantly white material is

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